



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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21 June 2016

Union Pacific Railroad Company Inc.
Robert Griffin
245 Hempstead 12
Hope, AR 71801-8805

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) request for access to enter your property at Section 28, Township 12S, Range 24W, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of Block 2 of London Subdivision in Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting an removal assessment at the former Hope Iron and Metal facility previously used as a metal salvage yard that stored and drained polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB)-contained transformers. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) requested EPA to assist in further investigations at the site.

The purpose of this letter is to request permission for the EPA to enter and collect soil and water samples from your property at Section 28, Township 12S, Range 24W, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 of Block 2 of London Subdivision in Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas. Your property is within the investigation boundary of the former Hope Iron and Metal facility. EPA is seeking to determine if additional properties have been impacted. EPA is requesting access to conduct sampling activities, a chemical inventory and hazard identification operations at your property at a date to be scheduled and, if necessary, conduct cleanup activities as required.

Please read and sign the enclosed form titled *Consent to Enter Property*. A stamped return envelope is provided for your convenience. In order to expedite this matter EPA is prepared to receive a copy of the signed agreement via e-mail or fax prior to receipt of the signed original. EPA can also arrange to pick up the signed access agreement. EPA would like to make a site visit in late June or early July.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 214-665-2291 (office), brescia.nicolas@epa.gov (email), or my EPA contractor Jose Ojeda at 469-666-5506 (office) or 469-666-5540 (fax).

Sincerely,

Nicolas Brescia
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